

Atty. Docket: H58-049 US**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION****English Language Declaration**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
CONNECTION ELEMENT FOR TWO ENDS OF BOX-TYPE HOLLOW SECTIONS
 the specification of which (check one):

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on April 11, 2006
 as Application No. 10/575,441
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign ApplicationsPriority Claimed

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| <u>01787/03</u> | <u>Switzerland</u> | <u>22 OCTOBER 2003</u> | Yes | No |
| (Number) | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>PCT/IB2004/003510</u> | <u>PCT</u> | <u>19 OCTOBER 2004</u> | Yes | No |
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I hereby claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of the following United States Provisional Application:

Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

This application is a _____ of (Check One) ☐ U.S. / ☐ International

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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